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Attention: CT State Legislators

Written Testimony Against SB 835:

Dear CT Legislators,

When it comes to abortion, lives are being taken every second! The lives of pre-born babies. Why are CT Pregnancy centers being targeted when they are fighting for the lives of these children and their mothers'? The passing of this bill will ensure less women are able to access lifesaving measures. This is not good for anyone! There is no substantial evidence that clients seeking services at CT Pregnancy centers have been or are currently being deceived by any advertising. The bill would also grant the Attorney General over-reaching ability to sue pregnancy centers.

The bill offers no specifics on what language is considered deceptive, yet it forces pregnancy centers to pay for 'corrective advertising' if their ads are deemed deceptive. It would, in essence, put pro-abortionists in charge of deciding what is acceptable advertising for pro-lifers. Pregnancy centers would also be responsible for "omitted statements" again with pro abortionists in charge of the information we share.

The bill denies the fact that pregnancy centers are already operating truthfully and suggests we are not and are deceptive. Also, to note, many of the people on the Public Health Committee who are in favor of this bill, have repeatedly ignored invitations to visit and dialogue with the pregnancy centers,

The bill assumes that pregnant women and their partners seeking information on making a pregnancy decision are not interested in other options and abortion alternatives.

The bill is part of a larger nationwide campaign by pro-abortion organizations to discredit the work of pregnancy centers which they view as competitors.

If this state is all about choice, why cannot these women have the choice of saving the lives of their babies versus aborting them? When only one option is being pushed outcomes will not be in the best interest of pregnant women who are making these choices. Pregnancy centers are saving lives and providing resources to women and babies, and there is nothing deceptive about that. Please have it in your heart to not pass this bill. More innocent lives will be taken with the passage of this bill. Let us help these women and their unborn children, they deserve better than an agenda to push abortions. Thank you, I hope the right choice is made. God bless you.

Sincerely, Shannen Bogle